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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(d), before payment of the issue fee.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document D1 listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 is an English-language counterpart document of Japanese patent 2005-058978 which was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding European application. A copy of Japanese patent 2005-058978 was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed September 28, 2006.

All of the documents are in English.

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

STATEMENT

The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to filing of this Statement.

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